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WITH OFF-AXIS LIGHT INSERTION INTO CAVITY

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Other Reference

J.B. Paul et al., "Ultrasensitive Absorption Spectroscopy with a High-Finesse Optical Cavity and Off-Axis Alignment", *Applied Optics*, Vol. 40, No. 27, Sept. 20, 2001, pp. 4904-4910.

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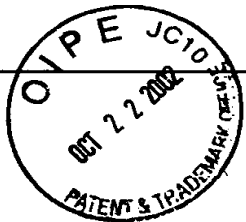
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